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 For : ELECTRONIC SYSTEM, COMPONENTS AND METHOD FOR TRACKING FILES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. The European Search Report is not a reference, and Applicants do not necessarily subscribe to any of the statements contained therein.

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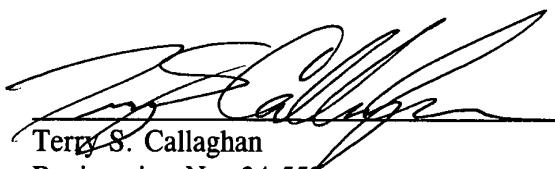
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Respectfully submitted,

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